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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: YASAKA, Naoto et al. Conf.:

Appl. No.: New Group:

Filed: December 19, 2001 Examiner:

For: SEALANT FOR POLYPROPYLENE AND EASILY  
OPENABLE HERMETICALLY SEALED PACKAGE  
INCLUDING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 19, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are  
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified  
application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) An easily openable hermetically sealed package comprising a laminate having a structure such that one side of a sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in claim 1 is overlaid with a resin layer of polypropylene (II) by heat sealing laminating.

6. (Amended) The easily openable hermetically sealed package as claimed in claim 5, wherein the base layer (III) is laminated with the sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in claim 1 by extrusion laminating.

7. (Amended) The easily openable hermetically sealed package as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in claim 1 is formed by inflation molding or cast molding.

8. (Amended) An easily openable hermetically sealed package comprising a cover of a laminate and a cup of a resin layer of polypropylene (II), said laminate having a structure such that one

side of a sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in claim 1 is overlaid with a resin layer of polypropylene (II) laminating and such that another side, opposite to the side overlaid with the resin layer of polypropylene (II), of the sealant layer (I) is overlaid with a base layer (III) of a member selected from among a polyester, a polyamide, a metallized film, an aluminum foil and a polyolefin by laminating, said base layer (III) and said sealant layer (I) each having a thickness of 5 to 100  $\mu$ m.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete improper multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

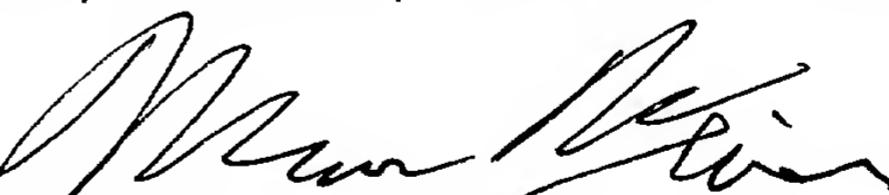
**Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner (Reg. #32,181) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) An easily openable hermetically sealed package comprising a laminate having a structure such that one side of a sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 is overlaid with a resin layer of polypropylene (II) by heat sealing laminating.

6. (Amended) The easily openable hermetically sealed package as claimed in claim 5, wherein the base layer (III) is laminated with the sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 by extrusion laminating.

7. (Amended) The easily openable hermetically sealed package as claimed in [any of claims 4 to 6] claim 4, wherein the sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 is formed by inflation molding or cast molding.

8. (Amended) An easily openable hermetically sealed package comprising a cover of a laminate and a cup of a resin layer of polypropylene (II), said laminate having a structure such that one side of a sealant layer (I) consisting essentially of the sealant for polypropylene as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 is overlaid with a resin layer of polypropylene (II) laminating and such that another side, opposite to the side overlaid with the resin layer of polypropylene (II), of the sealant layer (I) is overlaid with a base layer (III) of a member selected from among a polyester, a polyamide, a metallized film, an aluminum foil and a polyolefin by laminating, said base layer (III) and said sealant layer (I) each having a thickness of 5 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .